

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A garment hanger, ~~consisting essentially of~~ comprising:

a) ~~a crossbar member;~~ a hook;

b) ~~a hook member coupled to said~~ a substantially straight crossbar member having substantially straight parallel top and bottom surfaces and middle neck portion receiving said hook;

c) ~~exactly three clamps members coupled to said crossbar member,~~ wherein each clamp includes a first member integral with said crossbar and extending from said crossbar downward beyond said bottom surface, a second member which pivots relative to said first member, and a spring clip coupled to said first member and said second member, a first of said three clamps ~~members~~ is disposed in a central region of said crossbar, ~~member,~~ and wherein a second and a third of said three clamps ~~members~~ are substantially disposed on opposite ends of said crossbar, ~~member.~~

2. (currently amended) A garment hanger according to claim 1, wherein:

~~said first clamp member is substantially vertically aligned with said~~ hook.
~~member.~~

3. (currently amended) A garment hanger according to claim 1, wherein:

~~each clamp member has a pair of jaw~~ extending below said bottom surface.
~~members, wherein at least one jaw member of the pair is pivotable relative to the other jaw member of the pair between open and closed positions.~~

4. (currently amended) A garment hanger according to claim 1, wherein:

~~said crossbar member and portions of said clamp members are molded unitary and integral to one another from a plastic material.~~

5. (currently amended) A method of hanging a garment comprising the steps of:

a) providing a garment hanger consisting essentially of a hook, a substantially straight crossbar having substantially straight parallel top and bottom surfaces and middle neck portion receiving said hook, exactly three clamps, wherein each clamp includes a first member integral with said crossbar and extending from said crossbar downward beyond said bottom surface, a second member which pivots relative to said first member, and a spring clip coupled to said first member and said second member, comprising a crossbar member, a hook member coupled to said crossbar member, and three clamp members coupled to said crossbar member, wherein a first of said three clamps members is disposed in a central region of said crossbar, ~~member,~~ and wherein a second and a third of said three clamps members are substantially disposed on opposite ends of said crossbar, ~~member;~~

b) manipulating said second and third clamps members to grasp onto a first section of said garment; and

c) manipulating said first clamp member to grasp onto a second section of said garment.

6. (original) A method of hanging a garment according to claim 5, wherein:

step c) includes grasping onto the first section of said garment.

7. (original) A method of hanging a garment according to claim 5, wherein:

said garment comprises pants, said first section comprises a waist section of said pants, and said second section comprises either portions of folded legs of said pants or ends of the legs of said pants.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method of displaying a plurality of garments comprising the steps of:

a) providing a plurality of garment hangers corresponding to said plurality of garments, each garment hanger ~~comprising a crossbar member, a hook member coupled to said crossbar member, and three clamp members coupled to said crossbar member,~~ consisting essentially of a hook, a substantially straight crossbar having substantially straight parallel top and bottom surfaces and middle neck portion receiving said hook, exactly three clamps, wherein each clamp includes a first member integral with said crossbar and extending from said crossbar downward beyond said bottom surface, a ~~second member which pivots relative to said first member, and a spring clip coupled to said first member and said second member,~~ wherein a first of said three clamps ~~members~~ is disposed in a central region of said crossbar, ~~member,~~ and a second and a third of said three clamps ~~members~~ are substantially disposed on opposite ends of said crossbar, ~~member;~~

b) for each garment hanger and corresponding garment, manipulating said second and third clamps ~~members~~ to grasp onto a first section of the corresponding garment, and manipulating said first clamp ~~member~~ to grasp onto a second section of the corresponding garment; and

c) arranging the garment hangers and corresponding garments supported thereon one under the other.

10. (original) A method of displaying a plurality of garments according to claim 9, wherein:

step b) includes manipulating said first clamp member to grasp onto the first section of said garment.

11. (original) A method of displaying a plurality of garments according to claim 9, wherein:

at least one of said garments comprises pants, said first section comprises a waist section of said pants, and said second section comprises either portions of folded legs of said pants or ends of the legs of said pants.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method of storing a plurality of garments comprising the steps of:

a) providing a plurality of garment hangers corresponding to said plurality of garments, each garment hanger ~~comprising a crossbar member, a hook member coupled to said crossbar member, and three clamp members coupled to said crossbar member,~~ consisting essentially of a hook, a substantially straight crossbar having substantially straight parallel top and bottom surfaces and middle neck portion receiving said hook, exactly three clamps, wherein each clamp includes a first member integral with said crossbar and extending from said crossbar downward beyond said bottom surface, a second member which pivots relative to said first member, and a spring clip coupled to

said first member and said second member, wherein a first of said three clamps ~~members~~ is disposed in a central region of said crossbar, ~~member~~, and a second and a third of said three clamps ~~members~~ are substantially disposed on opposite ends of said crossbar.
~~member~~;

b) for each garment hanger and corresponding garment, manipulating said second and third clamps ~~members~~ to grasp onto a first section of the corresponding garment, and manipulating said first clamp ~~member~~ to grasp onto a second section of the corresponding garment; and

c) storing the garment hangers and their corresponding garments with the garment hangers attached to their corresponding garments in a carton, shipping container, or warehouse.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein:

step b) includes manipulating said first clamp ~~member~~ to grasp onto the first section of said garment.

15. A method according to claim 13, wherein:

at least one of said garments comprises pants, said first section comprises a waist section of said pants, and said second section comprises either portions of folded legs of said pants or ends of the legs of said pants.

16. (canceled)

17. (original) A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

d) shipping said garment hangers and their corresponding garments with the garment hangers attached to their corresponding garments in said carton or said shipping container.

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)